



**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN
MAY 23, 2008**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Turrentine called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at 5:06 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

At this time Co-Chair Turrentine introduced the new commissioner, Ana Mora, who is representing the Ninth Council District. Commissioner Mora provided a brief description of herself.

**Present: MacKenzie Martin, 5th District Youth, Co-Chair
Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair**

**Chelsii Summerville, 4th District Youth, Co Vice-Chair
Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co Vice-Chair**

*Marty Isozaki, Job Training
Kelly McDonnell, 3rd District Youth
Jeanetta McAlpin, Social Services
Jon Meyer, LBUSD Board of Education*

*Ana Mora, 9th District Youth
Victor Perez, Health
Marc Rothenberg, Juvenile Justice*

Absent: *Excused – Helen Ingram, Education
Roselin Michael, 8th District Youth
Jessica Quintana, Parent*

*VACANT, 1st District Youth
VACANT, 6th District Youth
VACANT, Youth Enrichment*

*VACANT, 2nd District Youth
VACANT, 7th District Youth*

Staff: *Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Recreation Superintendent, Community Recreation Services, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Marla Camerino, Clerical Support, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine*

Guests: *Jonny Turcios, Administrative Aide for the Ninth Council District Office*

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Co-Chair Martin to approve the April 23, 2008, Commission on Youth and Children minutes with a noted correction by Co-Chair Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

There were no comments.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that the report was included in the monthly packet.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Co-Chair Turrentine

Co-Chair Turrentine reported that on May 13, she attended the City Council study session on youth and gang violence.

Co-Chair Turrentine also reported that on May 15, she attended the BLAST fundraising breakfast, as well as Third District Councilmember Gary DeLong's leadership meeting.

B. Co-Chair Martin

Co-Chair Martin stated that she attended the CYC Executive Committee meeting, where Phil T. Hester, Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine was in attendance.

Co-Chair Martin also reported that on May 15, she was presented with the Girls Scout Karen Proctor-Mejia Memorial Scholarship.

VI. REPORTS

A. Standing Committees

- 1. Executive Committee Co-Chairs Turrentine and Martin, Co Vice-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Commissioner Meyer**

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that this item was previously discussed.

2. **Public Relations Committee** - Commissioners McAlpin, Rothenberg, Summerville, and Turrentine

The Public Relations Committee did not meet.

B. Special Committees

1. **Long Beach Youth Fund Committee** - Commissioners McDonnell, Martin, Michael, Summerville, Ingram and McAlpin.

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee would be meeting tonight, after the CYC meeting, to discuss the applications that were received.

C. Standing Item Reports

1. **District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings**

Commissioner McDonnell reported that the Fourth District Level Youth Advisory Council met and are working on ways to obtain new members for its Youth Advisory Council.

Co-Chair Martin reported that the Fifth District Level Youth Advisory Council met and have decided to host its monthly Youth Advisory Council meetings at Millikan High School, where the youth that will be replacing her attends. In addition, on May 31, the Fifth Council District will begin its tree inventory at Wardlow Park.

Jonny Turcios, representative for the Ninth Council District, stated that the Ninth District Level Youth Advisory Council would be meeting on May 30.

2. **Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force** - Commissioners Rothenberg, Summerville, and McDonnell

Commissioner McDonnell reported that she attended the Task Force's Resource Fair, where she attended a workshop on non-traditional work careers for women.

3. **Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee** - Commissioners Turrentine, Meyer

Commissioner Meyer reported that they have some good leads on individuals who might be able to donate money.

D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Isozaki reported that CVS Pharmacy is working with Jordan High School and LBUSD for a summer internship for its pharmacy program.

Commissioner Isozaki also reported that the Homeless Dialogue Collaborative hosted a forum to raise awareness of the homeless situation in Long Beach for youth.

Commissioner McAlpin reported that she and five youth of the leadership group at St. Mary's attended Immigrant Day in Sacramento. The youth spoke to the legislatures on healthcare and the budget cuts taking place for legal immigrants.

Commissioner Soth commended Co-Chair Turrentine on her presentation at the Soroptomist Club meeting, where Co-Chair Turrentine was a guest speaker.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Reappointment Letters

The commissioners submitted their letters for reappointment.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Gang Intervention and Truancy Offices

Recommended Action: Ask staff to invite a representative from LBUSD's Gang Intervention Office, as well as its Truancy Office to attend a Commission meeting to discuss the scope of their work.

It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Meyer to approve staff to contact a representative from the Gang Intervention and Truancy Offices on behalf of the CYC. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Televised Mayoral Forum

Recommended Action: Approve CYC youth commissioners to participate in the forum on behalf of the Commission.

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that she has a meeting schedule with Human Dignity Officer, Melissa Morgan, to discuss a variety of topics. Co-Chair Turrentine stated that a discussion on a potential Mayoral Forum, where the youth commissioners will have a dialogue with the Mayor on cable television, might take place. If the topic should arise, Co-Chair Turrentine would like to discuss it on behalf of the Commission.

- Commissioner McAlpin would like to know if the commissioners would have a say in the development of the questions. Co-Chair Turrentine will ask Ms. Morgan.

Commissioner Soth wanted to know if this is a set event. Co-Chair Turrentine stated that this was a comment that Ms. Morgan made to her. Commissioner Soth suggested hosting a Youth Summit meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Rothenberg and seconded by Commissioner Perez to approve the youth commissioners to participate in a potential Mayoral Forum on behalf of the CYC. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Co-Chair Turrentine adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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